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## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, June 10, 2013, at 3 p.m.

## Senate

FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2013

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Retired Admiral Barry Black, offered the following prayer.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, who sets boundaries for the sea to make it obey Your mercies, thank You for Your faithfulness. You save us from distress, rescue us from danger because of Your great love. Lord, uphold our lawmakers and renew their strength. Empower them to bravely face the challenges of our time. When they are bewildered, lead them with Your grace. Give them the wisdom to prepare now for the difficult seasons before them. May they obey Your teaching, striving to be guided by Your words.

And, Lord, bless our Senate pages on this their graduation day.

We pray in Your holy Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The President pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, following my remarks—and perhaps Senator McCONNELL's, if he wishes to speak—the Senate will resume the motion to proceed to S. 744, the comprehensive immigration legislation, on which the Chair has done a masterful job of getting us to where we are on this matter as chairman of the Judiciary Committee.

The time until 1:30 p.m. will be for debate on the motion to proceed.

Mr. President, I have been told we need a little extra time, so what we will do is extend that time until 2 p.m.

### ORDER OF PROCEDURE

I ask unanimous consent that the prior order, which is in effect, be extended until 2 p.m., and that the extra half-hour be equally divided between the majority and minority, each taking 15 minutes.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that I be recognized at 2 p.m.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. There will be no rollcall votes today. The next rollcall vote will be on Monday at 5:30 p.m. on passage of the farm bill.

### IMMIGRATION REFORM

Mr. REID. Mr. President, today Senators will have an opportunity to debate the bipartisan immigration bill reported by the Chair's committee last month. As I have already done once

today, I again commend the chairman of that committee Senator LEAHY for leading a thorough and transparent process in the committee.

I thank Senator SESSIONS for working with us yesterday to move forward on this measure as quickly as possible. As I have said before, Senator SESSIONS and I—once in a while—disagree on substance, but we have always had a friendly relationship, which I appreciate.

I applaud the efforts of the Gang of 8—four Democrats and four Republicans—to set aside partisanship to address a critical issue facing our Nation. The system is broken and needs to be fixed.

It is gratifying to see the momentum behind this package of commonsense reforms, which will make our country safer and help 11 million undocumented immigrants get right with the law.

I had a number of meetings over the last few days with pollsters who have taken a look at this legislation, and they all acknowledge that the vast majority of American people want us to move forward. Democrats, Independents, and Republicans recognize the system is broken and needs to be fixed. They all agree on a pathway to citizenship.

I have been committed to a process that is as open as possible for amendments. I don't want to say totally because sometimes with the procedures we have here—as with the farm bill—people throw a monkey wrench into things, and we are not able to do things as we would wish to do them.

We will wrap up work on this legislation before the July 4 recess. I hope

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